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Chairman Radtke called to order the meeting of the Vilas County Land Records Committee at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Fred Radtke, Charlie Rayala, Leon Kukanich, Mary Platner and Steve Favorite (substituting for Jack Harrison)

Others Present: Barb Gibson, Becky Nordine, Sue Schaab Kent, Sherry Bierman, Joan Hansen, Jerri Radtke, Gary Peske, John Butler, Jim Galloway, Kathleen Rushlow, Bob Egan, Ron De Bruyne, Andy Faust and Kirk Contrucci

Absent: Jack Harrison (excused)

Approve Agenda: Motion by Rayala and seconded by Kukanich to approve the current agenda in any order at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Platner and seconded by Kukanich to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 19, 2009. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

2010 Orthophoto Flight Project Presentation by North Central Regional Planning Commission and Ayres Associates: Andy Faust of the North Central Regional Planning Commission discussed how he became involved in getting counties together to do the aerial flights and putting together the RFP for bids. He indicated that most counties do a flight every 5 years. Ayres Associates and Aerometric (subcontracted to Ayres) are the team doing the 2010 flight project. Kirk Contrucci of Ayres Associates discussed the many uses of aerial photos by county, state, federal and the private sector. He said working together and sharing the flight costs and data sharing is beneficial to everyone. Contrucci stated 35 counties combined for the 2005 project and 45 to 55 counties are interested in participating in the 2010 flight. Gibson and Contrucci both explained the benefits and differences for the straight down flight versus the 45 degree oblique pictometry flight. Both indicated the straight flight as used by us in the past has the highest accuracy for our county base mapping that is used by other departments including Tax Listing, Zoning, Emergency Management, Sheriff, and Forestry. Contrucci stated the 2010 flight will be the same resolution with color digital cameras (not film like 2005) which will have a better image. Contrucci stated there are partnerships in development with Dept. of Justice and Dept. of Military Affairs that if successful will fund/reimburse counties for approximately 20% of their cost for the project using funding from the federal Office of Homeland Security.

Orthophoto Project: Gibson discussed that the 5 year rotation is needed due to all the changes in the county from addressing newly named private roads to locations of new construction. Gibson said the cost for the 2005 flight was about \$97,000 or about \$75.00 per square mile. Contrucci stated the cost for the 2010 flight would not be more than this and indicated Ayres would be willing to divide the cost over 2 years as they did for the 2005 project. Others present discussed the pros and cons of doing a flight in 2010 or waiting. Gibson reported that there was currently \$75,885 in the Land Records retained fees account. Gibson, Hansen and Rushlow all made comments that this non-lapsing account is funded by retained fees from documents recorded in the Register of Deeds Office and can be only used for Land Records modernization projects. Gibson reminded the committee members that a letter of intent was approved at the meeting in January, and the decision needed to be made about pursuing the 2010 project for including in next years budget. Motion by Radtke and seconded by Favorite to approve the 2010 Orthophoto Flight Project, prepare resolution for same and provide budget information for Finance and County Board. Those voting Aye: Radtke, Rayala, Favorite and Platner. Those voting Nay: Kukanich. **Motion carried** on a voice vote.

Website Privacy Policy: Gibson discussed the pros and cons of having owner names available on the website. As indicated by the response she received, most title company employees, surveyors, realtors, are in favor of names being available. Gibson stated she was recently made aware of new legislation by Representative Parisi to support a LRB 2416/1 Re: Municipal Database Privacy Bill that removes all names from every municipal database online. Jerri Radtke indicated that 50% of counties provide owner names online. Bierman talked about blocking individual names (not corporate type) from the internet. Gibson requested changing our privacy policy to add names to the website and include the state disclaimer on website. There was some discussion by members and others present. Property owners name search of the website issue was tabled pending the outcome of LRB 2416/1 Re: Municipal Database Privacy Bill. Motion by Platner and seconded by Favorite to recommend to Public Property to review and update the Website Privacy Policy. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote. Motion by Favorite and seconded by Kukanich to table decision regarding showing owner names on the internet until the next meeting. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

2009 WLIA Base Budget and Training Grant Application: Gibson stated we received a grant in the amount of \$7,428 to be used toward converting microfilmed documents to digital images. Motion by Platner and seconded by Favorite to accept grant and sign contract for same. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

Addressing Update: Nordine discussed Microdata connectivity project training and computer installations. She indicated that the road and water information from adjacent counties were loaded into xTrakker in dispatch (also mentioned when discussing 2010 flight project). Since February Nordine has edited 1457 roads and 3938 address sites, and in the field she collected 16 new roads and 319 new address sites. Nordine has also been updating the Verizon 911 Information Manager that matches phone numbers and site addresses. She reported: St. Germain has installed the majority of road and address signs; Plum Lake's addressing project field work by Crisell-Synder was completed in June; Cloverland, Manitowish Waters and Land O'Lakes are in the process of installing new road signs to meet state mandated 2012 Road Sign Standards.

Land Records Update: Gibson distributed and discussed budget spreadsheets indicating that everything is on track for this year except that revenues are down for the year. She stated that a portion of the digital surveys (completed to date by Boettcher) and new index for same are available.

Tax Listing Update: Bierman stated that the number of foreclosures is up significantly. The agenda for the annual state meeting co-hosted by Vilas and Oneida counties is completed. Bierman stated they are now working on the integrated property assessment system to mandate county-wide assessments.

Motion by Platner and seconded by Favorite to approve the Addressing, Land Records and Tax Listing Updates. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

Out of County Travel: Gibson formally requested permission to attend the WLIA Regional meeting June 5 & 6 in Sheboygan (approved by Radtke prior to event). Motion by Favorite and seconded by Platner to approve Gibson's out of county travel. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

Letters and Communications: Nothing was presented.

Public Comments: None

Board Concerns: Radtke discussed Tri County Transit System, a rural transportation system for Forest, Oneida and Vilas counties. The 4 hubs determined are Eagle River, Minocqua, Rhinelander and Crandon. Radtke indicated he would bring this up to Economic Development to determine if there is a need for this. Egan stated he would explore the possibility of using Commission on Aging vehicles to provide transportation.

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No vouchers were presented for approval.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at the Vilas County Board Rooms, at 9 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Kukanich and seconded by Favorite to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. All voted aye. **Motion carried** on a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by: Sue Schaab Kent

And

Becky Nordine

APPROVED BY LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE AT SEPT. 8, 2009 MEETING